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SUBJECT: MEETING OF ANDEAN COUNTRIES ON ARMS LIMITATION

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF PERU, CHILE, ECUADOR, COLOMBIA, BOLIVIA AND VENEZUELA BEGAN DISCUSSIONS FEBRUARY 26 IN LIMA ON ARMS LIMITATION.

2. THE SIX COUNTRIES ARE SIGNATORIES TO THE DECEMBER 1974 AYACUCHO DECLARATION WHICH, AMONG OTHER PROPOSALS, CALLS FOR AN EFFORT TO LIMIT ARMAMENTS AND PUT AN END TO THEIR ACQUISITION FOR OFFENSIVE MILITARY PURPOSES.

3. PRESS QUOTES FONOFF SECRETARY GENERAL GARCIA BEDOYA AS NOTING THAT MEETING IS TO DEAL WITH THE LIMITATION OF OFFENSIVE ARMS.

GARCIA BEDOYA ADDED THAT THE MEETING WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT COULD EVENTUALLY RESULT IN AN EFFECTIVE ARMAMENTS LIMITATION FOR
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THE ENTIRE LATIN AMERICAN REGION. THE MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO

CONCLUDE FEBRUARY 28.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EMPHASIZING THE IDEALISTIC, AN AGREEMENT TO LIMIT OFFENSIVE ARMS WILL NOT BE EASY BETWEEN SUCH TRADITIONAL RIVALS AS CHILE AND PERU, FOR EXAMPLE. GIVEN THE AMBITIONS GOALS OF DEFINING AND THEN LIMITING "OFFENSIVE" WEAPONS, IT MAY BE A LONG TIME BEFORE AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

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